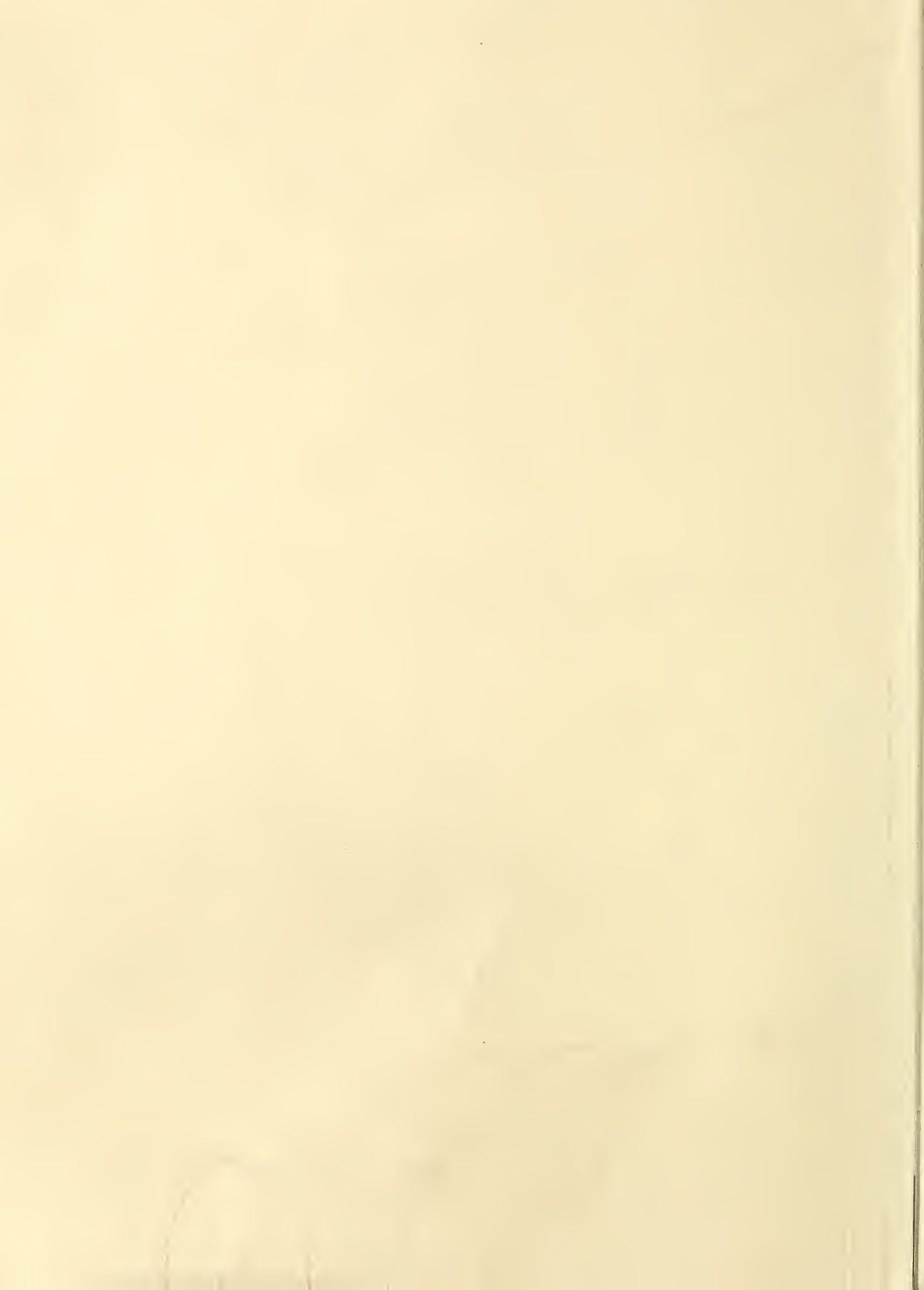


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CATTLE ON FEED

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KADDERLY:

Less than an hour ago - at 12 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, to be exact, the Agricultural Marketing Service issued a report on the cattle feeding situation. Here's E. J. Rowell with the highlights of that cattle feeding report. All right, Mike, let's have them.

ROWELL:

Taking the country as a whole, farmers will probably feed more cattle for market this coming winter and spring than they did during those months last year. Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into the Corn Belt States -- and inspected at stockyards -- during the past 3 months were about an eighth larger than last year. They were the largest for that period in the past 12 years, -- the largest increases being in the three central Corn Belt States -- Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri.

KADDERLY:

Those shipments are through the stockyards. What about direct shipments -- are they also bigger than last year?

ROWELL:

Yes, Wallace, direct shipments of feeder cattle into six of the Corn Belt States for the same period were about 60 percent larger than last year. Those six states are Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska. The men in the Bureau are of the opinion that the rate of increase of feeder shipments into the Corn Belt won't be as great during the next 3 months, Oh, they'll probably be somewhat bigger than they were last year. Most of the increase in cattle feeding in the Corn Belt States this year will probably be east of the Missouri River, with the largest increase in the central part of the Belt.---that is in Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri.

KADDERLY:

You say - most of the increase in the number of cattle on feed will be east of the Missouri River -- but, what about in the Corn Belt States west of the Missouri River ---Kansas and Nebraska?

ROWELL:

Any increase in those States is likely to be small.

KADDERLY:

Going farther West -- what's the report from the Western States?

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ROWELL:

Reports from that area indicate that the number of cattle on feed in nearly all of the Western States will be smaller than last year, and there is some possibility that feeding in the important irrigated areas east of the Rocky's may be much smaller. The western cattlemen won't have as large a proportion of the cattle on feed as they had last year. Down in Texas the number fed may be about the same as a year ago.

KADDERLY:

One more question, Mike. Have you any idea as to when these cattle will be ready to go to market?

ROWELL:

Well, Wallace, about all we know is that there were more cattle weighing over 800 pounds, and less weighing under 800 pounds sent to the feed lots. These figures and other information lead us to believe that more will be sent to market during the winter months than was the case last year. Therefore, the market supply of fed cattle during the coming year may be relatively the biggest during the winter months.

KADDERLY:

Thanks, Mike.

Tomorrow Marvin Sandstrom will give us a report of lambs on feed.

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